

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

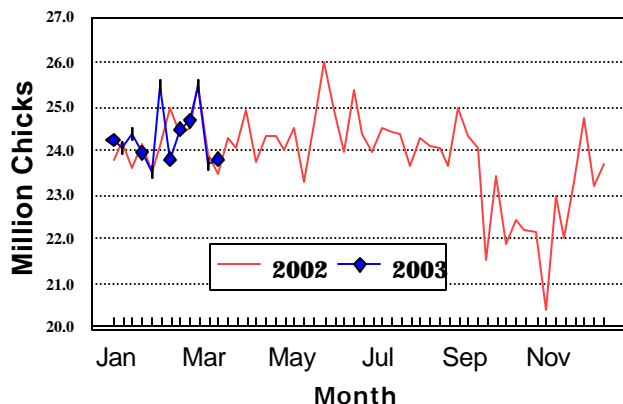
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.8 million during the week ending March 22, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up slightly from the previous week, and included 2.12 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2002 through March 22, 2003 were 291.7 million, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.4 million, down slightly from both the corresponding week a year earlier, and the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

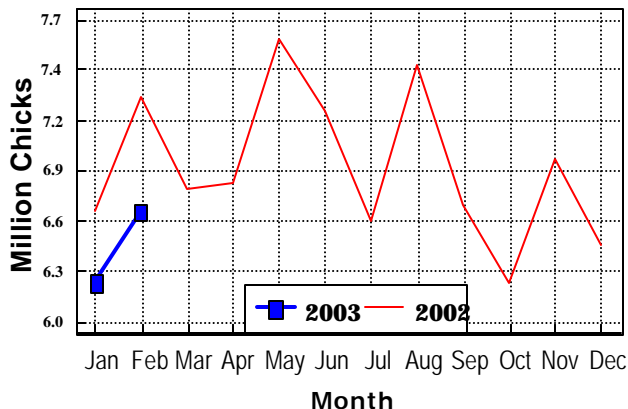
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 22, 2003, down 2 percent from the same period last year, but up 2 percent from the revised previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.7 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2003, down 8 percent from February 2002.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2002 - 2003**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2002	2003	
	1,000		
Feb.	24,984	23,806	95
Feb.	24,382	24,509	101
Mar.	24,553	24,680	101
Mar.	25,518	25,491	100
Mar.	23,918	23,738	99
Mar.	23,490	23,794	101

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2001-2002	2002-2003	
	1,000		
Sep.	6,647	6,691	101
Oct.	6,704	6,265	93
Nov.	7,261	6,938	96
Dec.	6,577	6,475	98
Jan.	6,660	6,269	94
Feb.	7,275	6,659	92

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	01-Mar	08-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	%	15-Feb	22-Feb	01-Mar	08-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	%
Alabama	28,387 *	27,920	28,229	28,227	96	20,696	21,200	20,287	21,816	21,479	21,568	95
ARKANSAS	30,603	30,133	29,371	29,982	98	23,806	24,509	24,680	25,491	23,738	23,794	101
Delaware	3,500 *	3,539	3,765	3,711	107	5,717 *	5,189 *	4,997 *	4,688	4,570	5,061	98
Florida	1,627	1,620	1,532	1,634	71	1,739	1,491	1,752	1,798	1,668	1,566	72
Georgia	31,708	31,646	30,759	30,862	97	25,761	25,415	25,634	24,378	24,918	25,720	100
Kentucky	6,457 *	6,555	6,200	6,380	101	5,366	5,491	5,503	5,204	5,265 *	5,298	99
Maryland	9,371	10,110	10,053	9,480	103	5,450 *	5,695 *	5,920 *	5,242	6,260	6,012	101
Mississippi	19,066 *	19,097	18,882 *	19,110	102	15,967	15,757	15,534	15,579	15,850 *	16,374	105
N. Carolina	18,788 *	18,634	18,588	18,680	98	14,217	14,011	14,332	14,199	14,729	15,064	96
Oklahoma	6,373	6,465	6,672	6,562	103	4,415	4,091	4,840	3,634	4,458	4,825	101
Pennsylvania	3,427	3,599 *	3,592	3,526	95	2,551	2,523	2,422	2,479 *	2,373	2,519	93
S. Carolina	4,857	4,814	4,842	4,903	97	3,534	3,708	3,134	4,812	4,430	3,800	100
Texas	14,810	14,750	14,743	14,495	94	12,337	11,869	11,657	11,952	12,373	12,399	102
Virginia	6,720	6,711	6,632	6,637	101	5,612	5,286	5,847	5,854	5,334	5,258	92
CALAM,OTN,WV	20,615 *	20,655	20,492 *	20,713	102	18,703	18,209	16,980	17,580	19,980 *	19,756	98
Total 2003	206,309 *	206,248 *	204,352 *	204,902		165,871 *	164,444 *	163,519 *	164,706 *	167,425 *	169,014	
Total 2002	210,211	209,711	208,001	208,762		167,095	170,461	169,215	171,686	172,382	171,346	
% Prev. Year	98	98	98	98		99	96	97	96	97	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						05-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	03-May	10-May	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 205 million eggs during the week ending March 22, 2003. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 22, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through March 22, 2003 were 1.98 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

